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DISTRICT 8 RECEIVES FOUR GRANTS FROM CALTRANS

Inland Empire – On September 9, 2008, Caltrans announced the release of more than \$9.5 million in Federal and State grants to 74 agencies throughout the State, and four of these awards are in District 8. However, the grant funds are contingent on approval of the 2008-2009 fiscal year state budget.

“These funds will help build stronger communities in which we live, promote equity for low-income citizens and minority groups, and protect the environment,” Caltrans Director Will Kempton said. The State funding comes from the State Highway Account, and the Federal funding comes from the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration.

Caltrans will work closely with grant recipients to assist in the delivery of these projects.

Highlights of these grants for District 8 include:

Community-Based Transportation Planning

Project Title: Downtown and North Main Street Strategic Redevelopment Project.

Project Description: The grantees propose to develop a plan for the Downtown and North Main Street Strategic Redevelopment. It will promote economic revitalization consistent with a livable, pedestrian-friendly, and mixed-use community.

Recipient: The City of Corona and the Redevelopment Agency.

Grant Amount: \$200,000





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Environmental Justice: Context-Sensitive Planning

Project Title: Improving Neighborhood Connections along Coachella's Harrison Street Corridor.

Project Description: The grantees propose to develop a plan that identifies transportation and safety improvements in the City of Coachella by engaging local residents, under-represented groups, and stakeholders through a multi-day bilingual community charette.

Recipient: The City of Coachella and the Local Government Commission.

Grant Amount: \$129,600

Statewide Transit Planning Studies

Project Title: Victor Valley Long Distance Commuter Needs Assessment Study.

Project Description: The study will assess commuter service options between Victor Valley communities into the San Bernardino Valley and Los Angeles Basin.

Recipient: Southern California Association of Governments and the San Bernardino Associated Governments.

Grant Amount: \$72,000

Transit Professional Development

Project Title: SunLine Transit Professional Development Program.

Project Description: Southern California Association of Governments and SunLine propose to implement a Transit Professional Development Program for transit planning staff at SunLine, which is the regional transit provider for the Coachella Valley.

Recipient: Southern California Association of Governments and SunLine Transit Agency.

Grant Amount: \$30,250

For a complete list of grant recipients, please visit:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/tpp/grants.html>

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